

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A pit cover comprising:

a casing having a peripheral wall and open first and end;

a cross bar coupled to and extending across said peripheral wall on an inside of said casing;

a cover plate configured to cover said first end of said casing, said cover plate having: a first surface, which when said cover plate covers said first end is located on an outside of said casing portion, and a second opposite surface; and, an enclosure supported on said second surface and having an opening through which a part of said cross bar can extend into said enclosure; and,

a door coupled to said cover plate said door moveable between a first position where said door closes said enclosure and a second position in which said door opens said enclosure to allow access to said enclosure from said first surface.

2. A pit cover according to claim 1 further comprising biasing means associated with said door for biasing said door towards said first position.

3. A pit cover according to claim 2 wherein said door is pivotally coupled to said cover plate.

4. A pit cover according to claims 1 wherein said casing is provided with first and second catches for releasably catching said cross bar to couple said cross bar to said casing.

5. A pit cover according to claim 4 wherein each of said catches includes a slot open at one end and closed at an opposite end in which said cross bar is received.

6. A pit cover according to claim 5 wherein said catches are formed separately from and fixed to said casing.

7. A pit cover according to claim 4 wherein said cross bar comprises a first length extending in a first direction and one or more catch portions at each end of said first length, at least one catch portion at each end extending in a direction non-parallel to said first direction, said catch portions being receivable in said catches.

8. A pit cover according to claim 8 wherein said part of said cross bar is provided with a hole by which a locking device can lock onto said part to prevent said cover plate from being removed from said casing.

9. A pit cover according to claim 1 wherein said cover plate comprises a bracing depending from said second opposite surface and extending inboard of, and about said cover plate, said bracing seated inside of said open first end.